

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 currently stand rejected. Claims 2-10 and 12-20 currently stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1 and 11 are amended herein. No new matter is added. The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following remarks and allowance of the claims.

Claims 1 and 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1 and 11 are amended herein to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration of claims 1 and 11 in view of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20 stand objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims 1 and 11, respectively. Claims 1 and 11 are amended herein to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration of claims 2-10 and 12-20 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated. In view of the present amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of claims 1-20.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 in their present form are allowable. Additional reasons in support of patentability exist, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of clarity and brevity. The Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

The Applicant believes no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine fees are necessary, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0765 accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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